

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Born February 12, 1809.

Died April 14, 1865.

"Until he became President, the sobriquet 'Honest Abe' probably expressed him to the majority of people; but he was far more than that, good as it was. Strong, wise, dignified, kindly, a simple and humble Christian man, he united in himself all the real elements of greatness. A trained and acute lawyer and advocate, he was eloquent without rant, while his shrewdness and keen sense of humor enabled him to parry awkward questions while making his meaning clear, without committing himself or his Government, by means of the queer yarns for which he was famous. But the keynote of his character was his simple faith and trust in God, which was an integral part of his life. He was elected to maintain the Union, not to abolish slavery, and constantly reminded Abolitionists of this; but he felt the curse of slavery on the country as keenly as any one, and the series of disasters to the Union arms in the East so wrought on him that he is said to have exclaimed in the anguish of his heart, 'If there is any one out of Hell more miserable than I am, I pity him.' He looked on these defeats as an evidence of God's wrath on the country, and after the battle of Manassas vowed to Heaven that if God vouchsafed a victory to the Union arms, he would proclaim the Emancipation of the slaves, well knowing the political rashness of his act. A few days afterwards came the strategical victory of the Antietam, and the Proclamation was issued."—"The American Civil War," John Formby.

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Philadelphia, January 14, 1913.

I. A stated meeting of the COMMANDERY will be held at the Union League, Broad and Sansom Streets, Philadelphia,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1913, at 8 P. M.

II. Companion Captain I. W. HEYSINGER will address the Commandery on

"President Lincoln, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States."

III. The following named candidates for membership will be balloted for:

FOR HEREDITARY COMPANION OF THE FIRST CLASS BY INHERITANCE FROM
DECEASED ORIGINAL COMPANION:

JOHN LODGE CHADBOURNE.

Eligibility for membership derived as the only grandson of
Deceased Original Companion First Lieutenant John W. Lodge, who died
May 4, 1912.

Address—3400 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

Recommended by Companions J. L. Wilson, J. E. Barr & J. P. Nicholson.

FRANCIS CLARK GRANT.

Eligibility for membership derived as the only grandson of
Deceased Original Companion Brevet Lieut.-Colonel Joseph H. Clark, who
died November 27, 1889.

Address—2202 St. James Place, Philadelphia.

Recommended by Companions W. W. Frazier, R. Ellis & M. A. Golden.

SHELDON FROTHINGHAM POTTER.

Eligibility for membership derived as the eldest grandson of
Deceased Original Companion Major William Frothingham, of the Com-
mandery of New York, who died November 19, 1885.

Address—48 W. Tulpehocken Street, Philadelphia.

Recommended by Companions O. C. Bosbyshell, H. T. Dechert & J. G. Whitesides.

JAMES TORRANCE RUGH.

Eligibility for membership derived as the third son of
Deceased Original Companion First Lieutenant Jacob W. Rugh, who died
September 28, 1912.

Address—1616 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

Recommended by Companions W. W. Keen, J. S. Cohen & S. E. Meigs.

ERSKINE MARKLEY SMITH.

Eligibility for membership derived as the second son of
Deceased Original Companion First Lieutenant and Adjutant Erskine D.
Smith, who died January 19, 1902,

(Eldest son Elihu E. Smith. Elected October 23, 1912. Class I by Inher-
itance. Insignia 16810.)

Address—1921 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

Recommended by Companions H. W. Littlefield, C. L. Betts & E. E. Smith.

FOR HEREDITARY COMPANION OF THE FIRST CLASS BY INHERITANCE FROM
DECEASED OFFICER:

CHARLES DENISON SHOEMAKER HARROWER.

Eligibility for membership derived as the second son of
Henry G. Harrower, Captain 86th New York Infantry, November 12, 1861;
honorably discharged October 10, 1864; who died January 12, 1910.

Address—Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Recommended by Companions R. B. Ricketts, L. C. Darte & J. M. Whittemore.

FOR COMPANION OF THE SECOND CLASS:

SYLVESTER BONNAFFON 3D.

Second Lieutenant 13th U. S. Infantry August 1, 1899; First Lieutenant 4th Infantry March 2, 1901; Captain March 11, 1911; Paymaster (by detail) September 30, 1911.

Third son of Companion of the First Class Brevet Lieut.-Colonel Sylvester Bonnaffon, Jr.

(Eldest son Samuel A. Bonnaffon. Elected February 3, 1892. Class 2. Insignia 9299.)

Address—Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C.

Recommended by Companions S. Bonnaffon, Jr., F. V. Bonnaffon & E. W. Bonnaffon.

JAMES GARRISON STRADLING.

Only son of Companion of the First Class Lieutenant James M. Stradling.

Address—Easton, Pa.

Recommended by Companions R. M. Parker, J. E. Barr & J. M. Stradling.

FOR COMPANION OF THE SECOND CLASS BY NOMINATION:

WILLIAM HENRY McMANUS.

Nephew of and nominated by

Original Companion Major Thomas McManus, being the second son of nominator's brother, James McManus.

Address—58 Washington Street, Hartford, Conn.

Recommended by Companions T. McManus, C. H. Owen & T. C. Stellwagen.

IV. COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

Chairman—Captain THOMAS H. CHALLENGER.

Address—1400 Land Title Building, Philadelphia.

Lieut.-Colonel H. G. CAVENAUGH.

Asst. Engineer JABEZ BURCHARD.

ELECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP, October 23, 1912:

Of ORIGINAL COMPANION OF THE FIRST CLASS:

Captain ROBERT A. TRAVIS.

Captain ALEXANDER J. FRICK.

Captain HENRY J. SNYDER.

P. A. Engineer WILLIAM H. PLATT.

RESTORED TO THE ROLL:

Captain THEODORE K. VOGEL.

Of HEREDITARY COMPANION OF THE FIRST CLASS BY INHERITANCE FROM A
DECEASED ORIGINAL COMPANION:

Mr. EDWARD RYNearson.

Mr. ALFRED S. KEITH.

Mr. HENRY C. McILVAINE, JR.

Mr. JAMES I. LINEAWEAVER.

Mr. ELIHU E. SMITH.

OF HEREDITARY COMPANION OF THE FIRST CLASS BY INHERITANCE FROM A
DECEASED OFFICER:

Mr. JAMES ARCHBALD, JR.

Mr. JOHN McALLISTER.

OF COMPANION OF THE SECOND CLASS BY NOMINATION:

Mr. HENRY P. FLETCHER.

Mr. JOSEPH M. R. LONG.

V. The Twenty-eighth Journal of the Proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1912, may be obtained upon application to the Recorder.

VI. At a stated meeting of the Board of Officers of the Commandery, held Monday, January 6, 1913, Inheritance Companion Mr. B. Franklin Betts was elected as one of the Trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Burial Lot, vice Companion Henry Pennington, deceased.

VII. "Article XIV. Sec. 4.—None but Companions of the Order shall be present at its business meetings."—(Constitution.)

VIII. "ARTICLE V., SEC. 4. Any Original Companion having no direct lineal male descendant, may, by writing, filed with the Recorder of his Commandery, nominate a Companion of the Second Class from among the collateral male members of his family, descending only from his own brother or sister, and the person so nominated when he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years shall become eligible to membership for life in the Second Class. Any nomination for membership in any class heretofore filled by an Original Companion shall be valid and effectual as a nomination under this Section." [Constitution 1909.]

Nomination Blanks may be obtained of the Recorder.

IX. The Rosette of the Order may be obtained upon presentation of a *card of membership* at the Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co., 1218-22 Chestnut St.; at Graf & Nieman, 6th Avenue and Wood St., Pittsburg, Pa., and at C. R. Boas, 214-216 Market St., Harrisburg, Pa., and as a medium of recognition Companions should wear.

X. Communications relating to the Insignia, Rosette or Diploma must be addressed to Captain Noble D. Preston, Chancellor, 2312 Poplar Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

XI. Every application for membership must be made in writing and on file at the headquarters of the Order not less than thirty days before action by the Commandery at a stated meeting.

XII. Companions are reminded that the wearing of the Insignia or the Rosette by persons not members of the Order is, under the laws of the States of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Wisconsin, Maryland, Illinois, California, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Utah and the District of Columbia, a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment, and it is their duty to aid in correcting any abuse of their badge of honor.

XIII. Laws of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Act of 25th June, 1895 (P. L. 289):

SECTION I. "Any person who shall wilfully wear the insignia or rosette of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, * * * * * or use the same to obtain aid or assistance within this State, unless he shall be entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such organizations, shall be guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof before any magistrate, justice of the peace or alderman, shall be fined not exceeding twenty dollars and costs; and in default of payment thereof committed to the county jail for a period not exceeding ten days."

Prosecutions for this offense may be made by information before a magistrate as in any other criminal case.

XIV. Through the generosity of Companion Thomas Skelton Harrison, the Commandery possesses the collection of books, made by Companion Frederick Schober, relating to the services of the Navy. Since the Library has been in the possession of the Commandery, Companion Harrison has made many important additions, and it is the largest and most complete collection relating to the service of the Navy in the War of the Rebellion that is extant.

XV. GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP:

From the Commandery of the State of Illinois, to date December 11, 1912,
Companion Mr. FRANK MARCELLUS BAILEY (2d Class).
Insignia 14229.

XVI. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP TO BECOME SUCCESSION COMPANIONS:

Companion Mr. ANDREW H. REEDER, consequent upon the death of Original Companion Lieut.-Colonel Frank Reeder, December 7, 1912.

Companion Mr. WILLIAM COFFIN, consequent upon the death of Original Companion Brevet Major E. W. Coffin, December 12, 1912.

Companion Mr. OGLESBY PAUL, consequent upon the death of Brevet Captain Frank W. Paul, December 24, 1912.

XVII. CASUALTIES:

I.—Transfers:

To the Commandery of the State of Missouri, to date January 1, 1913.

Companion Mr. JAMES R. EAKIN (2d Class by Nomination).

Insignia 16341.

To the Commandery of the State of Michigan, to date January 1, 1913.

Companion Mr. WARNER H. JENKINS, JR. (2d Class).

Insignia 16505.

II.—Deaths.

Companion First Lieutenant JOHN H. WEIRICK, 51st Illinois Infantry, September 2, 1912, at Myerstown, Pa.

Hereditary Companion Mr. WALTER N. BOYER, October 16, 1912, at Philadelphia, Pa.

Companion Mr. ARTHUR E. WILLAUER (2d Class), November 26, 1912, at Rye, N. Y.

Companion Lieut.-Colonel DANIEL M. YOST, 179th Pennsylvania Infantry, November 27, 1912, at Norristown, Pa.

Companion Lieut.-Colonel FRANK REEDER, 19th Pennsylvania Cavalry, December 7, 1912, at Easton, Pa.

Companion Brevet Major E. W. COFFIN, U. S. Vols., December 12, 1912, at Camden, N. J.

Companion First Lieutenant THOMAS BOHANNAN, 48th Pennsylvania Infantry, December 18, 1912, at Philadelphia, Pa.

Companion Brevet Captain FRANK W. PAUL, U. S. Army, December 24, 1912, at Villanova, Pa.

Companion First Lieutenant HENRY PENNINGTON, Adjutant 2d U. S. Vols., December 24, 1912, at Philadelphia, Pa.

Companion Chief Engineer WILLIAM L. BAILIE (Lieut.-Commander), U. S. Navy, December 27, 1912, at Washington, D. C.

Companion Lieutenant E. O. LYTE, Battery I, Pennsylvania Light Artillery, January 3, 1913, at Lancaster, Pa.

Companion Brevet Major PETER D. BRICKER, U. S. Vols., January 5, 1913, at Jersey Shore, Pa.

Companion Mr. WM. MACDONALD VEALE (2d Class), January 8, 1913, at Catonsville, Md.

By command of

Brig.-General SAMUEL W. FOUNTAIN, U. S. A.
Commander

JOHN P. NICHOLSON
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. V.
Recorder

Official

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